

Osun: Three reportedly killed over sharing of election funds

THERE was palpable fear in Ede, the hometown of Osun State governor-elect, Senator Ademola Adeleke on Saturday as sharing of election fund balance turned bloody.

The Nation gathered that some members of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) had a disagreement while deliberating on sharing the balance of 2022 governorship election fund.

The disagreement snowballed into a brawl during the meeting which resulted in one of the members slapping one of the aides of the Osun State House of Assembly minority

• Assembly minority leader house razed

Toba Adedeji, Osogbo

leader, Adewummi Babajide on the cheeks.

A source disclosed, "The brawl resulted in the crisis as some armed police led by one Omoyele intervened, two members of PDP were shot dead and a member of All Progressives Congress (APC) who is an ally of the PDP member was also killed.

"The killing of one of the members of APC angered other APC members as they mobilised

to protest against PDP, it resulted in crisis and property were destroyed in Ede. The House of Minority Leader of Osun Assembly was razed down on Friday night. The destruction of property continued again today. We are in fear as I am speaking to you," a source said.

The Osun Assembly Minority Leader, Adewummi Babajide in a short statement he posted on his Facebook page, wrote, "The aftermath of the attack on two buildings be-

longing to my parents by thugs apparently sponsored by the APC. The arsonists burnt everything to the ground and the whereabouts of my father are still unknown. Losing elections should not be a war. This is barbaric and has no place in a democracy."

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Osun Command, Olabisi Atanda disclosed that, "There was a meeting of PDP where misunderstanding ensued over money released for the last governorship election.